

## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **COMMUNITY GROUPS, BUSINESSES WILL BRING HOLIDAY CHEER, DECORATIONS AND SANTA'S WORKSHOP TO RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

*Santa's North Pole Workshop for Families to Choose Gifts Will Be Open Dec. 16-19*

#### **• WHAT**

• Volunteers from a number of community groups and businesses will be spending time at the original Ronald McDonald House, 501 E. Roanoke Ave. in Phoenix, preparing the house for the upcoming holiday season.

#### **• WHO/WHEN**

- Thursday, Nov. 29, 3 p.m.: Sheraton Hotel employees will be decorating the property exterior.
- Friday, Nov. 30: 9:30 a.m.: volunteers from La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries and the Flinn Foundation will begin setting up Santa's Village and decorating the building interior. (La-Z-Boy and Flinn Foundation) La-Z-Boy graciously bought a new tree and decorations for the main office area. Two employees will decorate the main living area. Flinn Foundation volunteers will decorate remaining areas with existing decorations.
- Thursday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m.: 25 Chase Bank volunteers will be taking on projects around the House including deep cleaning common areas and rooms, as well as bringing toys for the toy drive.
- Saturday, Dec. 8: Santa's North Pole will be set up. Volunteers will set up at the Windsor House on the property beginning at 8 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 11: 9-11 a.m.: 40 Luke Air Force Base volunteers will help reorganize storage rooms, finalize Christmas decorations, make cookies, deep clean common areas/rooms.
- Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2 p.m.: 25 volunteers from Dell will deep clean rooms, clean outside areas, restock the kitchen, and take care of additional Christmas needs.
- Thursday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m., 10 General Mills volunteers will focus on main common areas: library, dining area, playroom, and kitchen, washing windows and surfaces.
- Saturday, Dec. 22, 9 a.m.: Eagle Scouts' Recreational Therapy Day. Julie Pinuelas and her son, Aiden, other Eagle Scouts, his music teacher and friends to hold a recreational art day with half main area focused on music and the other half on board games. This is the final project for Aiden to become an Eagle Scout.
- Dec. 16-19: volunteers will operate Santa's North Pole Workshop from 5-8 p.m. each day at the Windsor House where families can pick out gifts and have them gift wrapped

#### **• INFORMATION**

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**About Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central and Northern Arizona**

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central and Northern Arizona, Inc. provides a “home-away-from-home” for children and their families who travel to metropolitan Phoenix to receive treatment for serious, often life-threatening illnesses and injuries. The three houses operated in metropolitan Phoenix can accommodate up to 78 families a night. Families stay for days, weeks, sometimes months at a time while their children receive care. Since opening its doors in 1985, families from across the state and around the world have checked into the Ronald McDonald House more than 50,000 times. Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central and Northern Arizona, a non-profit organization supported by individual, corporate and foundation donations, never turns away a family if they cannot afford the \$15 nightly fee requested. For more information, visit [www.rmhccnaz.org](http://www.rmhccnaz.org).